Chief among items that serve to provide a sense of uniformity and organization to a facility is signage. The ECE signage package provides not only a simple means of providing identification and directional information (wayfinding) but a kit of parts which can be used to contain much of the information that would otherwise be haphazardly posted on the walls of a facility.

SIGNAGE

The signage solution for ECE is based upon a modular system of panels and frames which allow for application of a single system to a wide variety of needs. Text is applied to the panels as diecut vinyl letters (or photo-reactive polymer where Braille and raised text is required), or inserted into the frames as printed paper. These elements are supplemented as necessary (for labeling of mechanical equipment and such) by commodity signage in the form of engraved plaques and loose die-cut vinyl lettering.

The frames are designed to work with either letter-quality paper or pre-printed inserts. For general signage, a facility-specific graphic can be developed and used as stationery for printout of text, or blank white paper can be used. Text would be prepared on a desktop publishing (DTP) system via word processor, and printed on the chosen stationery. For common, fixed, informational signage inserts could be pre-printed cards such as "Radiation" and "Biohazard" warnings.

The system is designed to be implemented in a single neutral color scheme to allow for ease of relocation within or between facilities. The modular units are interchangeable and reusable. Even panels may be stripped of their die-cut vinyl text and reused. Individuality would be brought to the system through the use of the varied stationery, which could be pre-printed on various types and colors of paper.

Justification

The Modulex Interior 20 and Interior 20 Paper Flex Systems were chosen for their flexibility, ease of use, and ease of maintenance. While there are many manufacturers which provide modular insertable sign systems, the Modulex system is based on a standard paper module—8-1/2"x11"—not an arbitrary unit, thus making it easy to use with standard stationery. The lens is a simple acrylic sheet, not a molded insert, and is therefore easy to replace should it be damaged. The metal carriage is very durable, and is not subject to stress or wear through repeated use. While the initial cost is slightly higher than most molded two-piece insert frames; the quality of construction and low-cost of replacement fillers and lenses will ensure a lower lifetime cost.

Note: Because the Paper Flex System is based on a U.S. paper-size module (8-1/2"x11") and because the specification information refers to this module as well, product references are made first in inches and then the metric equivalent is shown in parentheses.

Specification

The signage system selected is based upon ASITM Sign Systems Modulex Interior 20 Permanent Panel and Modulex Interior 20 Paper Flex. Manufacturer's specification information follows.

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Material colors are:

Modulex Interior 20 Permanent Panels - 09 Gray Modulex Interior 20 End Caps - 57 Black Modulex Interior 20 Paper Flex Frames - 09 Gray Modulex Interior 20 Paper Hinges - 57 Black Die-cut vinyl text - White

Typestyle is Helvetica Medium Braille is Grade 2

Implementation

Under current accessibility guidelines (ADA), signs which designate permanent rooms and spaces must include tactile characters and grade 2 Braille, and be mounted on the latch side of the door at a height of 152 cm (5'-0") to the centerline. Directional and informational signage are not required to have tactile or Braille lettering, but must meet requirements for character sizing and proportions. Overhead signs must meet requirements for clearance, character sizing and proportions. Temporary signage such as the occupant's name or "Oxygen in Use" need not comply. (See ASI ADA Accessible Signage Update for detailed information.)

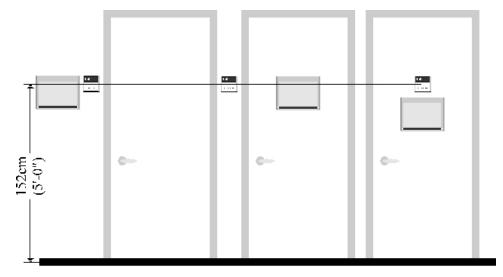
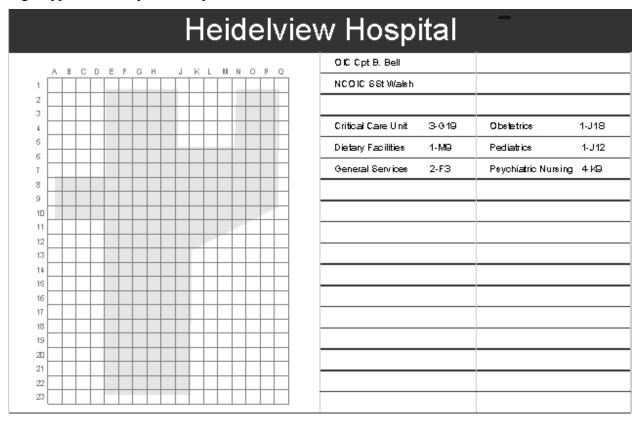


Fig. 1 Recommended Signage Location (Chart holder also shown.) Signage must be located adjacent to latch side of door at a height of 152 cm (5'-0") if possible.

Sign Type 1 Primary Directory - Wall mounted



Location: Immediately inside the main entry to large facilities. May be wall or monument mounted.

Size: Varies

Content: Facility name

Facility plan showing composite building and floors

Primary directory listings

Overlay grid with coordinate locations to assist in locating destination on plan where applicable

Description: Header

3" (7.62) high copy bar

Die-cut vinyl text x 1-1/2" (3.81) high

Plan

Back-painted acrylic panel. Black line, white background. Minimum size: 22" (55.9) wide. Standardized format. Wing labels and floor names shown. Bathrooms, pharmacy and records room/reception desk indicated. Oriented so that viewer's direction is at top of plan. "You are here" indicator.

Directory listings

Insert holders 1-1/2"x11" (3.81x27.94)

3/4" (1.91) text

Arranged by category: commanding officers, division, department; alphabetically; indicating floor and wing when appropriate.

Sign Type 1a Primary Directory – Monument Mounted





Location: Immediately inside the main entry to large facilities.

Size: Varies
Content: As above

Description: Freestanding fixed text kiosk

Design and construction to be determined

Sign Type 1b Primary Directory - Interactive Electronic





Location: Immediately inside the main entry to large facilities.

Size: Varies
Content: As above

Description: Interactive electronic wayfinding device. Programmed to deliver best route from point of presence

to destination via screen and optionally via printout.

Design and construction to be determined

Sign Type 2 Secondary Directory

| 3rd Floor East | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Critical Care Unit | Obstetrics - |
| Dietary Facilities | Pediatrics |
| General Services | Psychiatric Nursing |
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Location: Within large departmental or physical areas—floors, wings, departments, entry level of stairwells

directly accessible from outside

Size: Varies

Content: Area name, floor and/or wing

Directory listings
Directional arrows

Description: Header

3" (7.62) copy bar

Die-cut vinyl text x 1-1/2" (3.81) high

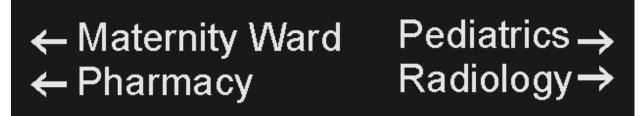
Directory listings

Insert holders 1-1/2"x11" (3.81x27.94)

3/4" (1.91) text, 1" (2.54) arrows arranged by direction, alphabetically and may include room

number

Sign Type 3 Overhead Directional Indicator



Location: Ceiling-mounted at intersections of major corridors, intermittently along long hallways

Size: Varies (bottom of sign panel no less than 80" (203mm) above floor)

Content: Primary destinations

Directional arrows

Description: Copy bar

Die-cut vinyl text and directional arrows - 3" (7.62) high, white

Sign Type 4 Primary Identification Sign

Maternity Ward

Visiting Hours: Daily 10:00am to 12:00pm 6:00pm to 9:00pm

No children other than siblings allowed

Please respect the privacy of our Families



Location: At entry to major departmental areas

Size: 11"x17" (27.94x43.18), 11"x 25.5" (27.94x64.77) with optional information frame as shown

Content: Department name

Department information

Description: Name plaque

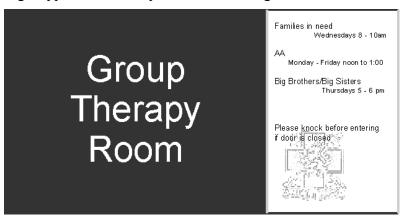
11"x17" (27.94x43.18) copy bar

Die-cut vinyl text x 1-1/2" (3.81) high, white

Optional information frame

Holder DTP insert

Sign Type 5 Secondary Identification Sign



Location: At entry to suites where required

Size: 8-1/2"x11" (21.59x27.94), 8-1/2"x16-1/2" (21.59x41.91) with optional information frame as

shown

Content: Suite name

Suite information

Description: Name plaque

8-1/2"x11" (21.59x27.94) copy bar

Die-cut vinyl text x 1" (2.54) high, white

Optional information frame

Holder DTP insert

Sign Type 6 Tertiary Identification Sign



Location: At entry to all rooms

Size: 5-1/2"x5-1/2" (13.97x13.97), 5-1/2"x11" (13.97x27.94) with optional information frame (not

shown)

Content: Room number

Room name/occupant's name

Room information

Description: Information frame(s)

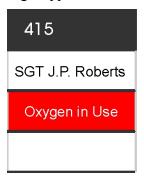
Holder(s)
DTP insert
Header

Room number appliqué applied to face of information frame

1-1/2" (3.81) photo-etched and painted plate

3/4" (1.91) text and grade 2 Braille

Sign Type 7 Patient Identification Sign



Location: At entry to all patient rooms

Size: 5-1/2" (13.97) wide

Content: Room number

Room information

Description: Information frames

Holders

DTP and pre-printed inserts

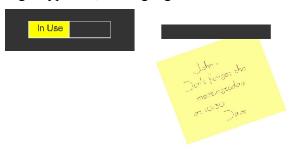
Header

1-1/2" (3.81) copy bar photo-etched and painted

3/4" (1.91) text and grade 2 Braille

Signage Accessories

Sign Types 8a, 8b Signage Accessories



Location: Where required **Size:** 5-1/2" (13.97) wide

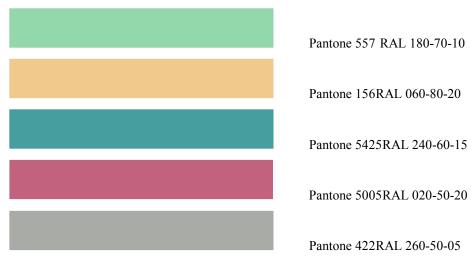
Content: ---

Description: 8a sliding "In Use" indicator

8b note holder

Signage Accessories

Sign Type 8c Signage Accessory



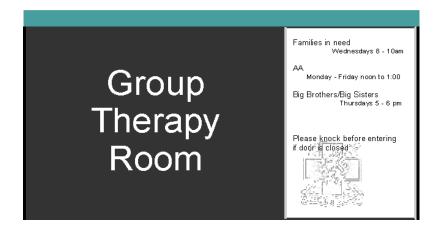
Location: Where required

Size: 3/4" - 1-1/2" high. Length to main sign body

Content: Color—as specified—only

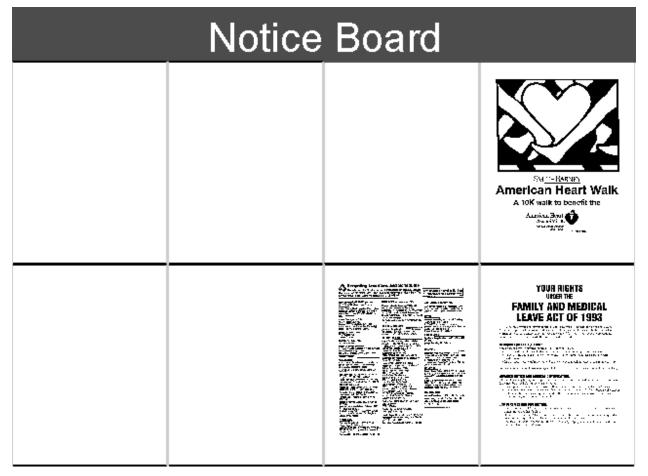
Description: Flash Bar

Used to color coordinate sign with interior color scheme for wayfinding. Particularly useful where finish update lags behind wayfinding implementation. Apply above main signs as shown below.



Notice

Sign Type 9 Notice Board



Location: Where required

Size: Varies
Content: Header

Information

Description: Header

3" (7.62) copy bar

Die-cut vinyl text x 1-1/2" (3.81) high

Information frames

Holders

DTP and pre-printed inserts

Notice

Sign Type 10 Individual Notice





Location: Where required

Size: 5-1/2"x8-1/2" (13.97x21.59), 8-1/2"x11" (21.59x27.94)

Content: Information

Description: Information frames

Holder

DTP and pre-printed insert

Utility Signage

Sign Type 11 Braille Utility Plaque





Location: Where required Size: 6"x8" (15.24x20.32)

Content: Graphic label and matching text

Description: Photo-etched and painted plate with acrylic backer

3/4" (1.91) text with grade 2 Braille

Utility Signage

Sign Type 12 Standard Utility plaque



Location: Where required

Size: Multiples of 3"x3" (8x8cm) or 3x4" (8x10cm) (e.g. 3"x6", 6"x6", 6"x8")

Content: Graphic label and/or text

Description: Reverse screen-printed acrylic plaque

Utility Signage

Sign Types 13a, b Utility Coding

VALVE 208

465b

Location: Where required. **Size:** As required.

Content: Coding for maintenance or life safety purposes.

Description: 13a engraved plaque.

13b die-cut vinyl text.